

## MEMORIAL

OF

### SUNDRY CITIZENS OF KENTUCKY,

*That the aid of Government be extended to the American Colonization Society.*

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JUNE 29, 1836.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

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*To the honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States :*

The undersigned citizens of Kentucky respectfully petition your honorable body to afford to the American Colonization Society aid in the prosecution of its great and benevolent work. The objects and design of this institution are so well known, that we deem it unnecessary to say any thing in its commendation; nor will we presume to dictate what patronage it claims at the hand of the Government, but only to express the hope that it may be liberal, and commensurate with the great designs of the society in whose behalf we petition.

And your petitioners will, as in duty bound, ever pray, &c.

J. J. Polk  
G. W. Doneghy  
Benjamin Boling  
A. P. McKenzie  
William W. Batterton  
James E. Gillespie  
T. W. Baker  
Robert Tilford  
John Caldwell  
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T. Downton  
John Speed  
William Stewart  
Francis H. Fry  
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John Fleece, jr.  
John Finlay  
J. H. Letcher, jr.  
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Michael Hope  
William Gwynn  
Malan Bowers  
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Samuel Irvine  
James Crow  
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Robert Russel  
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William Burch  
William D. Kerr  
John A. Davenport  
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William Critchfield

David Caldwell  
William Todd  
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William C. Cowan  
Thomas McClanahan  
J. H. Sanders  
Alexander Sneed  
P. B. Reed  
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John Brandale, jr.  
A. J. Caldwell  
Charles McDowell  
Issachar P. Irvin

Samuel McDowell  
J. McDowell  
Enoch Harley  
James Burnett

T. W. Jackson  
John Ervin  
John Wallace

Solomon Jones  
Richard J. Dungan  
J. A. Jacobs

DANVILLE, (Ky.), *January 5, 1836.*

SIR: In behalf of the petitioners to the enclosed petition, I forward it to you, with the request that you will lay it before that branch of Congress of which you are a member. In committing it to your care, we feel confident that it will have whatever support your enlightened zeal in the cause of colonization shall dictate.

It is not by any means the object of the petitioners to throw a fire-brand into the halls of Congress. The list of the petitioners embraces the intelligence and wealth of this community; most of them slaveholders, and may be justly considered as representing the public opinion of Kentucky on the subject of colonization. They are utterly opposed to abolition, but believe colonization to be a safe and practicable remedy for slavery—alike contributing to the removal of a great evil from our country, to the civilization and illumination of Africa, and to the cause of the oppressed; in short, “a circle of philanthropy, every part and segment of which counts and tells.”

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

Hon. HENRY CLAY.

J. A. JACOBS.